

CLASS SPECIFICATION
County of Fairfax, Virginia

CLASS CODE: 5146

TITLE: URBAN FORESTER II

GRADE: S-24

DEFINITION:

Under supervision performs full performance level urban forestry work relating to tree preservation and planting, landscaping, screening, tree cover and assessment, and administration of related County codes and ordinances.

TYPICAL TASKS (Tasks listed are for illustrative purposes only)

Identifies and evaluates existing trees and other vegetation;
Interprets topography and its effects on site plans and vegetation;
Reviews subdivision, site and landscape plans for compliance with vegetation preservation requirements and landscaping and screening provisions;
Evaluates grading and drainage plans;
Determines impact of construction on urban forest;
Computes parking lot landscaping requirements, screening requirements, tree cover requirements;
Interprets zoning proffer requirements;
Evaluates hazardous tree complaints and takes appropriate action to resolve complaints;
Recommends and drafts revisions to County codes and regulations;
Responds to public inquiries regarding plan review, hazardous trees, and tree preservation;
Tabulates and records statistical data;
Attends meetings, public hearings and conferences as County or Branch representative;
Provides technical assistance to other agencies;
Consults on budget requirement and recommendations and supplies justifications;
Prepares reports;
Investigates code-related complaints from homeowners, the Board of Supervisors and other agencies;
May testify as expert witness in court;
May train new employees;
May supervise Urban Foresters I.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

Knowledge of interdisciplinary roles of forestry, arboriculture, landscape architecture, engineering, and urban planning for urban forest management;
Urban forestry practices;
Construction practices relating to urban forestry;
Effective communication (oral and written) techniques.

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EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS:

Any combination of education and experience equivalent to:

Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with a degree in forestry, horticulture, landscape architecture, agriculture or related field; AND

One year of related experience in forestry, arboriculture, landscape architecture, or engineering relating to urban forest management;

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